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## **AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2005 for which a response was due October 15, 2005. A Petition for an Extension of Time of three (3) months accompanies this reply. January 15, 2006 fell on a Sunday, and Monday, January 16, 2006 was a federal holiday. Accordingly, this response is considered timely filed on Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

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